

Homage to the Ancestors

We honor those elders who recently made their transition and joined the ancestral realm:

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From the classroom and the community to the dance studio and beyond, these individuals:

Nurtured us,
Trained us,
Educated us,
Mentored us,
Supported us,
Inspired us,
Gave us their time and energy,
Poured their knowledge into us,
Critiqued us with love,
All to ensure that we were the best scholars, activists, artists, and human beings we
could be.
We lost many of these elders way too soon, and wish we had more time with them.

Today, we honor them because:
They built the foundation we develop further today.
They trusted us with the future of the discipline.
They knew we would one day be the bridge linking their historical past with the next
generation of the future.
Thus, we carry on their legacy.
Through us, they live on.
Through our work, they live on.
We honor them and say their name because
They are alive in us.
We stand on their shoulders and know that
We could not create or present this journal without them.
Thank you. Ase!